

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-15, and 17-22 stand rejected. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 3-15, and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 17, and 21. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1 and 3-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,181,992 B1 to Gurne *et al.* (Gurne). Applicants respectfully traverse. The Office Action asserts that Applicants' language of "at least one of a technician and an end user" is not supported by the specification and contrary to a Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Decision"). The Office Action asserts that the Decision and the specification are only directed to a technician or an end user. Applicants respectfully assert, however, that a technician may also be an end user. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to recite "wherein the order is arranged by a technician or an end user in any desired order." Applicants

respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 3-11 depend from at least one of independent claim 1. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 12-15 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gurne in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,819 to Rosenberg, *et al.*

(“Rosenberg”). Applicants respectfully traverse. As discussed above, Applicants have amended independent claims 17 and 21 to recite “wherein the order is arranged by a technician or an end user in any desired order.” Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 17 and 21 are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 18-20 and 22 depend from at least one of independent claims 17 and 21. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Regarding claim 12, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Gurne nor Rosenberg teach or suggest all of the features of Applicants’ claimed invention. The Office Action concedes that Gurne “fails to disclose a first graphical representation and a second graphical representation by varying a time axis of the first graphical representation.” Office Action, page 7. The Office Action, however, alleges that Rosenberg discloses this feature. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Office Action alleges that Rosenberg discloses this feature but does not provide a citation in Rosenberg that supports this allegation. Rosenberg appears to disclose a system for providing control over a selection of a zoom interval of a data set, however, Rosenberg does not appear to vary a length of the time axis as claimed. As the Office Action concedes, Rosenberg

“indicates a start point or an end point of a zoom interval within a text display,” however, this affects the display and not the time axis itself as claimed. Office Action, page 7. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 12 is allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

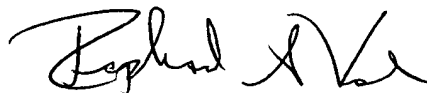
Claims 13-14 depend from independent claim 12. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

In the event this paper is not time filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 87355.1622.

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